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TREASURY FOR GENERAL COUNSEL (AUFHAUSER), TASK FORCE ON  
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Classified by Econ Counselor Scot Marciel for reasons 1.5  
(b,d).

Benevolence International Foundation

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[¶](#)11. (C) On November 8, we met with Turkish MFA coordinator for anti-terrorist financing efforts Hakan Okcal to brief him on the pre-notification of BIF (ref b). Also on November 8, we separately met with Finance Ministry Inspectorate official Hamza Kocer on BIF's bank accounts in Turkey. Kocer welcomed the information, but said he would need authorization from the GOT before sharing account information with us. He would look into setting up monitoring of BIF accounts. Okcal told us he would prepare a Cabinet decree adding BIF to the anti-terrorist finance freeze list.

Global Relief Foundation, ETIM, Jemaah Islamiyah,  
Nasreddin Holding

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[¶](#)12. (U) On November 16, a Cabinet decree was published in the official gazette adding the above entities to Turkey's terrorist financing freeze list. The list also included the other Nasreddin affiliates incorporated in other countries, and Al-Haramain Islamic Foundation (Bosnia and Somalia branches). Okcal told us that signing this decree was one of the last acts of the outgoing Ecevit government (they left unsigned, he said, a decree of ambassadorial appointments).

[¶](#)13. (C) Kocer told us that he has looked into the Turkish companies of Mr. Julaidan and of Nasreddin Holding. There are no assets left in this country, he said.

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